

Marion V. Brewington House
Salisbury
Private

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Inventory No. WI-460

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Marion V. Brewington House

other

2. Location

street and number 104 West Isabella Street not for publication

city, town	Salisbury, Maryland	vicinity
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county	Wicomico
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3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Ruth F. Malone

street and number 104 West Isabella Street telephone 410-543-1160

city, town	Salisbury	state	MD	zip code	21801
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4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court tax map and parcel Map 107. Parcel 976

city, town	Salisbury, Maryland	liber 1528	folio 796
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5. Primary Location of Additional Data

☒ **Contributing Resource in National Register District**
☐ **Contributing Resource in Local Historic District**
☐ **Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register**
☐ **Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register**
☐ **Recorded by HABS/HAER**
☐ **Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT**
☐ **Other:**

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
district	public	agriculture	landscape
<u>x</u> building(s)	<u>x</u> private	commerce/trade	recreation/culture
structure	both	defense	religion
site		<u>x</u> domestic	social
object		education	transportation
		funerary	work in progress
		government	unknown
		health care	vacant/not in use
		industry	other:
			Contributing
			Noncontributing
			<u>1</u>
			buildings
			sites
			structures
			_ objects
			Total
			Number of Contributing Resources
			previously listed in the Inventory

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7. Description

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Condition

	excellent	deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	good	ruins
	fair	altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Marion V. Brewington house is located at 104 West Isabella Street in the Newtown Historic District of Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-and-a-half story, Colonial Revival frame house faces north, and the truncated hip roof is oriented on an east/west axis.

Built in 1904, the two-and-a-half story, three-bay, center hall frame house is supported on a raised brick foundation with an excavated cellar. The exterior is clad in aluminum siding, and the steeply pitched hip roof is covered with slate. Wrapping around three sides of the house is a single-story Tuscan columned porch that incorporates a porte-cochere on the west side.

The north (main) elevation is a symmetrical three-bay facade with a center projecting bay that contains the entrance. The center bay is flanked by twelve-over-one sash windows. The front door has a large leaded glass window over the lock rail, and neo-classical pilasters flank the door. To each side of the pilasters are leaded glass sidelights. The entire first floor is sheltered by a Tuscan columned porch, which incorporates a rectangular baluster handrail. The second floor is marked by an even fenestration with a tripartite window piercing the center bay. Twelve-over-one sash windows light the second floor rooms to each side. The top of the wall is defined by a neo-classical modillion block cornice enriched with a dentil bed molding. Centered on the hip roof is a large gable roofed dormer highlighted by a Palladian window. Smaller hip roofed dormers are located to each side, and are fitted with eight-over-one sash windows. The sides of the dormers are covered with slate. Rising through the center of the house are several brick chimney stacks. The hip roof has a flattened top that was probably highlighted by a wooden balustrade no longer in place.

The east elevation is an asymmetrical facade with the Tuscan columned porch covering part of the first floor. An uneven fenestration of twelve-over-one sash windows and a projecting bay on the southeast corner define the wall surface. A pair of hip roofed dormers marks the roof.

The west elevation incorporates the Tuscan columned porte-cochere, and the wall is pierced by twelve-over-one sash windows. Another pair of hip roofed dormers marks the roof. The southwest corner of the house incorporates an engaged porch.

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8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
1600-1699	agriculture	economics	health/medicine	performing arts
1700-1799	archeology	education	industry	philosophy
1800-1899	x architecture	engineering	invention	politics/government
x 1900-1999	art	entertainment/ recreation	landscape architecture	religion
2000-	commerce	ethnic heritage	law	science
	communications	exploration/ settlement	literature	social history
	community planning		maritime history	transportation
	conservation		military	other:

Significance dates

Architect

Specific dates

1904

Builder

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☒ Maryland Register

☐ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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¹ *Wicomico News*, February 25, 1904, Salisbury Free Library.

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Marion V. Brewington conveyed title of the Isabella Street property to his wife Margaret Fulton Brewington, in March 1909.² The house and lot remained in family hands until 1948 following Margaret Brewington's death two years earlier. In more recent times the house was the residence of William F. and Ruth F. Malone.³

² Wicomico County Land Record, EAT 62/124, 8 March 1909.

³ Wicomico County Land Record, JWTS 767/194, 28 July 1972.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Eastern Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period(s): Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930

Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture

Resource Type: Standing Structure

Category: House

Historic Environment: Residential District

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic

Known Design Source:

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of project area

Acreage surveyed

Quadrangle name Salisbury, Maryland

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared by

name/title Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian

organization Private Consultant

street & number P. O. Box 5

city or town Westover, Maryland 21871

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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Marion V. Brewington House
104 West Isabella Street
Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland
Chain of title

Map 107, Parcel 976

1528/796 William F. Malone

to

2/10/1997 Ruth F. Malone

JWTS 767/194 Kathryn V. Hentschel

to

7/28/1972 William F. Malone
Margaret C. Malone

JWTS 636/174 Evelyn E. Dennis

to

9/12/1966 Clarence L. Hentschel
Kathryn V. Hentschel

636/172 Clarence L. Hentschel
Kathryn Hentschel

to

9/12/1966 Evelyn E. Dennis

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Chain of title continued

JWTS 317/390

John S. Salmons
Florence E. Salmons

to

6/2/1950

Agnes Hentschel

JWTS 294/79

Frederick W. C. Webb
Ernest C. Clark, trustees

to

1/17/1948

John S. Salmons
Florence E. Salmons
Decree of Circuit Court, No. 763 in Chancery
and being the same land devised by Margaret Fulton
Brewington, deceased, unto Marion V. Brewington, Jr.
and Henry Fulton Brewington by her Last will and
testament, 9/17/1946, JAH 2/544

EAT 62/124

Marion V. Brewington

to

3/8/1909

Margaret Fulton Brewington

Wicomico News, February 25, 1904

**BUILDING WILL BE BRISK
IN SALISBURY WHEN THE SPRING
WEATHER OPENS**

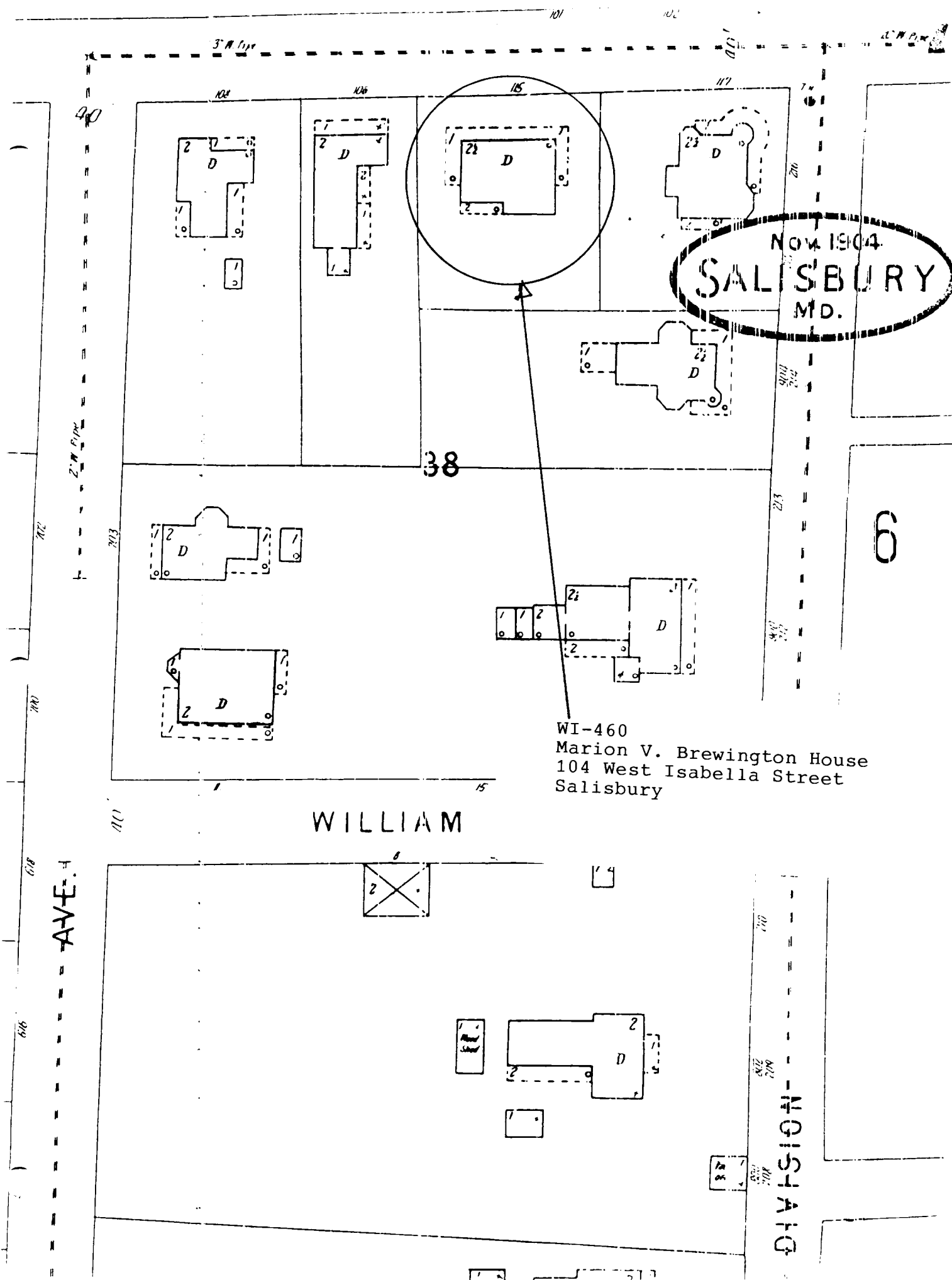
Salisbury contractors and builders are awaiting with much impatience the opening of spring weather, in order to begin building operations. The long and severe winter has completely blocked operations so far as outdoor work is concerned, and several buildings which were begun last fall are still unfinished. In addition to these several of our builders already have work enough contracted for to last them until late next summer.

Most of the buildings contracted for are dwellings of high class, which will add greatly to the improvement of the sections in which they will be located. Among those for whom contracts have been signed are residences for Mr. Wm. F. Allen, on his farm just beyond the city limits in Camden; Mr. Marion A. Humphreys, on Camden Avenue; Senator M. V. Brewington, on Isabella Street; Mr. B. Frank Kennerly, on Elizabeth Street and others. Three of these residences will exceed \$5,000.00 in cost and one will cost between \$3,500.00 and \$4,000.00.

Nearly all the plans show Colonial style of architecture, with broad porches and massive columns. In every instance the contracts call for handsome bath rooms and all modern conveniences and hot water heat.

In addition to these new buildings—and several others for which plans are being prepared—there are several buildings to be completed which were begun late last fall. Among these are the Salisbury National Bank, the Farmers and Merchants Bank, the improvements to the old Brewington homestead on Main Street, and several others. Altogether the year 1904 will be a busy one in the building line in Salisbury, and contractors will have plenty to do. They will be fortunate if they are able to secure all the mechanics they need.

Our advice to those contemplating the erection of houses is to make their contracts at once, as there is likely to be a shortage of skilled labor here because of the vast amount of building that will be going on in Baltimore this Spring.



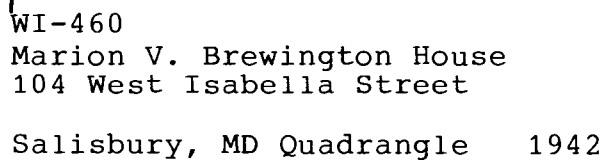
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VIENNA 15 M

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LAUREL 13 M
CELMA 6 M

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March 10, 1900

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